

an important role in the lives of the residents of our city. I am proud of the fact that in 1977, I received an Associates Degree from the El Paso Community College. The El Paso Community College continues to provide educational opportunities and support services that prepare individuals to improve their quality of life. I applaud the role that this institution has played in El Paso and the leadership, dedication, and service that Dr. Dominguez has provided to this school and its students.

At the dawn of this new century, I see community colleges such as the El Paso Community College as playing a critical role. I believe that community colleges must expand and become more accessible to all people who desire personal enrichment, growth, and development. Over the years, community colleges have assisted many people who would otherwise not have access to higher education by providing them with quality, affordable education. It is critically important to give our students every opportunity to compete in this new global economy. I applaud the efforts and the work that Dr. Dominguez has contributed to further these goals and the role that El Paso Community College continues to play in the fabric of El Paso.

Dr. Dominguez has guided the El Paso Community College well. I know that this institution will continue to flourish and educate future generations of El Pasoans. Dr. Dominguez is a pillar of integrity in the El Paso community and I want to thank him on behalf of El Paso and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

INTERNET GAMBLING BILL

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Internet Gambling Bill introduced on November 1, 2001. This important legislation, authored by Representative GOODLATTE, provides a much-needed update to existing law, which is no longer adequate to prohibit gambling on the Internet.

Minors can easily use the Internet to access illegal content, including Internet gambling websites. This is a dangerous loophole to existing law. Gambling is a potentially addictive habit which should be restricted to adults.

As technology continues to change the way we communicate and learn we must ensure that our laws change and adapt concurrently. Regulations previously used to prevent gambling over telephone lines are no longer sufficient to address gambling over the Internet, which increasingly relies on wireless communications. The Internet Gambling Bill modernizes existing law by bringing the current prohibition against interstate gambling up to speed with the development of new technology.

This important legislation also defines gambling more specifically to include interactive games on the Internet, including poker and blackjack which are not clearly included in current law. Violations under the act are punishable by prison terms of up to five years.

Gambling on the Internet has become increasingly prevalent in recent years. More than 650 Internet gambling websites operated just last year. In 1999, the total revenue asso-

ciated with Internet gambling exceeded \$1.2 billion, an 80 percent increase from the previous year.

It is time to stop illegal gambling on the Internet. This legislation is an important first step.

DEDICATION OF THE PURPLE HEART MONUMENT IN PARAMUS, NEW JERSEY

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 522 of Paramus, New Jersey, as they dedicate a Purple Heart Monument today in Paramus. In this time of remembrance for those killed on September 11th, it is important to remember all who have put their lives on the line for our nation. Our nation's veterans offer us wisdom and guidance in these troubled times. I thank Chapter 522 for honoring our veterans as we support and defend our country in this new war.

Decades ago, President Ronald Reagan addressed the Memorial Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. His words were profound: "No one wants peace more than the soldier, for the soldier understands better than anyone, the pain and destruction of war." Implicit in his message is that preserving the peace is an everyday job. It's a job that requires hard work. It's a job that requires firm resolution. It's a job that absolutely requires sacrifice.

I stand here today and honor the Military Order of the Purple Heart with great pride. These are the Americans who have done the hard work. Who have displayed the firm resolution. Who have sacrificed. These are our nation's heroes.

As we commemorate those who have fought for our country with this Purple Heart Monument, the eyes of the nation turn to the service and sacrifice of our veterans. Our nation thanks you.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Chapter 522 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and all who have served and those who have died for our country. May God bless them and God bless America.

67TH ANNIVERSARY OF UKRAINE FAMINE AND 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF UKRAINIAN HELSINKI GROUP

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the memory of innocent victims of an abominable act perpetrated against the people of Ukraine in 1932-33. Seven million innocent men, women and children were murdered so that one man, Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin, could consolidate control over Ukraine. The Ukrainian people resisted the Soviet policy of forced collectivization. The innocent died a horrific death at the

hands of a tyrannical dictatorship which had crushed their freedom.

In an attempt to break the spirit of an independent-minded and nationally-conscious Ukrainian peasantry, and ultimately to secure collectivization, Stalin ordered the expropriation of all foodstuffs in the hands of the rural population. The grain was shipped to other areas of the Soviet Union or sold on the international market. Peasants who refused to turn over grain to the state were deported or executed. Without food or grain, mass starvation ensued. This manmade famine was the consequence of deliberate policies which aimed to destroy the political, cultural and human rights of the Ukrainian people. In short, food was used as a weapon in what can only be described as an organized act of terrorism designed to suppress a people's love of their land and the basic liberty to live as they choose.

This month also marks an important milestone in more recent Ukrainian history. Twenty-five years ago, on November 9, 1976, 10 courageous men and women formed the Ukrainian Public Group to Promote the Implementation of the Helsinki Accords. The work of the Ukrainian Helsinki Group focused on monitoring human rights violations and on the Ukrainian national question as an integral component of human rights issues. The Ukrainian Helsinki Group eventually became the largest of its kind among similar groups in the Soviet Union, but also the most repressed by the Soviet regime. Of the 37 Ukrainians who eventually joined the Group, virtually all were subjected to lengthy terms in labor camps and internal exile. Three—Oleksiy Tykhy, Yuri Lytvyn and Vasyl Stus—died in the mid-1980s while serving camp terms under extremely harsh conditions. Their courageous, active commitment to human rights and freedom for the people of Ukraine laid the foundation for the historic achievement of Ukrainian independence in 1991.

As we honor the memory of the millions of innocent victims of the Ukrainian Famine, let us also not forget to honor the work and, in some instances, the martyrdom, of the valiant members of the Ukrainian Helsinki Group.

While similar atrocities are highly unlikely, Ukraine has yet to realize its full democratic potential. Despite the real progress made in the decade since independence, the unsolved murders of Georgiy Gongadze and other journalists and political figures, the assaults on media freedoms, the pervasive corruption, and the lack of respect for the rule of law demonstrate a democratic deficit that must be overcome. An independent, sovereign, democratic Ukraine—in which respect for the dignity of human beings is the cornerstone—is the best guarantee that the horrors of the last century become truly inconceivable.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT RONALD A. GISEL

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Technical Sergeant Ronald Gisel as one of this year's U.S. Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, this is a huge accomplishment, and one that clearly shows this man's commitment to serving the United States of America. As the noncommissioned officer in charge of 31 ceremonial guardsmen who performed more than 700 Air Force and Joint Service ceremonies, Sergeant Gisel proves himself to be a professional of the highest caliber. His superior job performance is noticeable to all he comes in contact with. He is certainly worthy of recognition!

A man of firm beliefs and unselfish commitment to helping others, Sergeant Gisel is a fine role model for the young adults in high school and to the two-home schooled junior high school students in which he mentors. His values and beliefs are reflected in his dedication to his work and his relationships with his family, friends, and people in the community.

Indeed, Sergeant Gisel is an excellent example to all. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Technical Sergeant Ronald A. Gisel for being recognized as one of the U.S. Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

HONORING CAROLE BLACK, PRESIDENT & CEO, LIFETIME ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today's woman has many role models that have paved the path to our success. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Eleanor Roosevelt created a momentum for the women's movement that still gains speed today as modern women climb new mountains.

One of these modern women is Carole Black, President & CEO of Lifetime Entertainment Services. Ms. Black has demonstrated her commitment to supporting other women by making sure that women are informed.

Black's ideas and influence reach more than 83 million homes in our great country and have propelled Lifetime's ratings to set new records. Lifetime's recent successes are rooted in Blacks' commitment to entertain, inform and support women by dramatically increasing the Network's original programming slate and expanding its marketing and public affairs efforts.

Carole Black also has greatly expanded Lifetime's advocacy initiatives, using the media to make a positive difference in the lives of women. Issues that have been recognized include the following: the fight against breast cancer; women in the arts; the importance of early childhood education and access to affordable, quality child care; and the fight to instill self-esteem in thousands of women. Carole Black is working with Lifetime Entertainment to recognize the issues that directly affect our lives—and our families.

Black's leadership and vision have led to her recognition as one of "America's 100 Most Important Women" by Ladies' Home Journal Magazine and one of "New York's 100 Most Influential Women in Business" by Crain's New York Business Magazine. The Hollywood Reporter has named her repeatedly as one of the "Top Women in Entertainment." Most re-

cently, Ms. Black was honored at the Women in Cable & Telecommunications Gala for her incredible contributions.

Most recently, Black was named one of Fortune Magazine's Top 50 Women in Business. In June 2000, Black was honored to participate with national and world leaders, such as United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan, Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan, and Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, in Beijing Plus 5: Women 2000, the historic international conference to promote women's rights. In November 2000, Black served as one of 15 United States delegates to "The 2nd Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) Conference on Women Entrepreneurs" in Paris, France.

As a television industry leader, Black champions diversity not only through Lifetime's on-air programming and countless public affairs initiatives but also through involvement with several industry organizations for which she serves on the Board of Directors, including The Walter Kaitz Foundation, Cable Positive and the T. Howard Foundation. For her dedication to this important issue, Black earned the YWCA Racial Justice Award in April 2000, the National Hispanic Media Coalition Impact Award in February 2001 and the Imagen Foundation Inspiration Award in June 2001.

Carole Black also is dedicated to using her knowledge to educate the future leaders of America. Black serves on the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Women's Leadership Board and is a Trustee of the American Women in Radio & Television, New York Women in Communications, New York Women in Film, Women in Cable & Telecommunications and the Women's Sports Foundation.

Carole Black is a great role model for our young women to follow. She is an inspiration and an educator, a tough executive and a visionary. But most importantly, she is a woman and a friend to each person who is touched by her work. As a role model to many, Ms. Black keeps the momentum of the women's movement rolling and would have made our foremothers proud.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending this dedicated public servant.

WMUL-FM FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, in 1895, Guglielmo Marconi transmitted electrical signals through the air. This first radio broadcast went from one end of Marconi's house to the other. The second stretched from his laboratory out to his garden. Six years later he sent a signal from England to America.

Like the acclaimed Italian inventor, WMUL-FM radio started out small: a ten-watt transmitter in a science building basement. Yet, in the spirit of Marconi himself, the Marshall University broadcasters were blazing new trails and determined to expand the range, quality, and influence of their signal. It was 1961.

Now, in their fortieth year, WMUL-FM has a \$100,000 a year budget, broadcasts an 1,150

watt signal, and transmits from state-of-the-art digital studios. The Marshall students who staff it, and the professors who teach them, are nationally-recognized radio professionals. Since 1985, they have won 435 awards. WMUL-FM alumni have worked at all levels in local, regional, and national electronic media, distinguishing themselves regularly regardless of the competition.

I congratulate Marshall University and WMUL-FM radio for four decades' service to the Marshall and Huntington communities. Their commitment is impressive and their accomplishments inspiring. Marconi would approve of the electronic signals that WMUL-FM sends through the air.

TRIBUTE TO LARISA JAFFE, PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and service of Larisa Jaffe, a Peace Corps volunteer, who lost her life in Zimbabwe in October of this year. Dr. Jaffe was a naturalized American citizen. She came to the United States from the former Soviet Union where she had earned a doctorate in geology. A woman of great intellectual energy, she taught at the Monterey Institute of International Studies in California and at West High School in Salt Lake City, Utah. She became certified as an emergency medical technician and volunteered her services to Planned Parenthood and to hospices for the terminally ill.

At the age of sixty-two, she arrived in Zimbabwe as a Peace Corps volunteer. She served in the city of Mutare as the Information Officer for CADEC, the Catholic Development Commission. She developed HIV/AIDS awareness and education materials and assisted the staff with computers and information technology. She devoted much of her time to the more than 2000 children orphaned by AIDS in the Mutare region. Tragically, her work ended with her death, a suspected homicide. Police took into custody as suspects two citizens of Zimbabwe.

Dr. Jaffe's daughter, Julia Ravinsky, lives in Massachusetts where a memorial service was conducted on October 26. Ms. Ravinsky spoke of her mother's great love of adventure and her even greater love of humankind. She showed slides of her mother riding camels and elephants and mingling joyously with the peoples of three continents. I salute Julia's bravery as well as her mother's.

Two Peace Corps officials eulogized Larisa Jaffe. Acting Deputy Director Lloyd O. Pierson presented an American and a Peace Corps flag and a letter of condolence from President and Mrs. Bush. He spoke of the significance of the Peace Corps in these difficult times. I quote Mr. Pierson: "Larisa's contributions to the Peace Corps and to our country will never be forgotten. The tragic events of September 11 have shown more than ever the need for more individuals, like Larisa, committed and courageous, who are willing to answer the call to service and respond to the challenge of the Peace Corps mission." I thank Mr. Pierson for traveling to Massachusetts to acknowledge Dr. Jaffe's contribution and to comfort her family and friends.